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Peter B. Foor
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Honorable Judge Peter Foor:

I have reviewed the Solano County Grand Jury's report issued June 17, 2005 entitled "How Much Force is Enough?" The Benicia Police Department is still conducting research on expanding current deployment of our one Tasertron, which currently may only be used by Sergeants and Lieutenants, to include the purchase of tasers for all officers.

If I elect to approve the use of tasers for our agency, we will update our policies and procedures using the International Association of Police Chiefs (IAPC) model taser policy along with complying with the Association of Bay Area Government's (ABAG) direction on the use of tasers.

A portion of the narrative of this Grand Jury reports needs to be addressed. Page two of the report narrative, third paragraph, contains the statement "Benicia Police Department responded that they did not use tasers. However, during an interview, it was stated that Benicia had one taser that is used only by Sergeants and Lieutenants." We did not use our Tasertron device during the time frame requested (January 1, 2004 thru January 31, 2005).

For the record, attached to this document is the original letter sent to the Grand Jury outlining our taser situation. As you can clearly see, the first paragraph describes the fact we do possess one taser.

If there are any further questions regarding this issue, please have your staff contact Lt. Michael Daley at (707) 746-4259 or via e-mail at mdaley@ci.benicia.ca.us.

Sincerely,

James E. Trimble
Chief of Police

cc: Jim Erickson

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